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NEW GOV. TAKES OFFICE SATURDAY

After six years of continuous service as Governor of Michigan, Alex J. Groesbeck will, on January 1st, step down from that lofty position to make room for his successor, Fred W. Green of Ionia. Mr. Groesbeck has an established law practice in Detroit and will, no doubt, resume active duties in that profession.

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F. & A. M. LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Grayling Lodge No. 356 F. & A. M. held their annual installation of officers Monday night, Dec. 27th, and are as follows:

W. M.—H. G. Jarmin. (Re-elected)
S. W.—C. D. Strachly.
J. W.—C. W. Peterson.
Treas.—R. D. Conine. (Re-elected)
Sec'y.—A. B. Failing.
S. D.—Clark N. Yost. (Re-elected)
J. D.—Oscar Swanson. (Re-elected)
Stewards—A. C. Roberts, D. Weir.
Tyler—W. W. Lewis.

Health Talk

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE

How you regard woman's present day fashion in dress all depends upon your point of view and the nature of your criterion. There is one criterion which is the reasonable basis for all judgment in the matter,—does the prevailing style in woman's dress render her a healthier, happier woman, and does it make her potentially or actually a healthier, happier woman?

With this single criterion in mind we can judge each item of woman's garb, and decide with reason and finally whether it is good or bad. The short skirt shall first be brought to the bar of judgment. It goes without argument that a heavy skirt puts strain on shoulders and waist, and that the heavy skirt is the long skirt. The short skirt is light and therefore healthy. The short skirt means less dragging through mud and snow, less accumulated dampness, fewer germs brought in from the street and dragged about the floor where babies and children play. The verdict goes unanimously to the short skirt.

With the departure of the long heavy skirt and its heavy lining have gone numerous petticoats that were its accompaniment. Lighter throughout are women's clothes, giving her added grace and freedom of movement and giving her muscles opportunity for normal development.

Whether or not the lighter garments of today increase women's susceptibility to colds and other respiratory difficulties has been hotly debated. Regardless of styles of dress, the insurance companies continue to rejoice over the increased expectation of life for both men and women, and make no specifications in regard to clothing when insuring women. The death rate from tuberculosis continues to go down. Because of the greater amount of fatty tissue which she possesses women are less susceptible to changes of temperature than are men, and more resistant to both heat and cold. Lighter garments then, would make less difference for her in this respect.

That old fashioned instrument of torture which women wore, armor-plate masquerading under the name of corset, has gone into the discard. Women know that they were painful, and scientific men affirm them to have been injurious to women as individuals, and as potential mothers. They meant flabby muscles and misplaced organs. It is well then that the corset is out of fashion.

In the matter of shoes times have changed. A woman today confesses openly to a six or a seven or an eight shoe. She is comfortable so she cares not what the size of her feet. She likes her low heels too. Nature never designed the internal feminine economy for the tip tilting that results when a woman's heels rest on stilts.

The low neck is another innovation that has called forth derision from moralist and sometimes from mistaken health zealots. But let us apply the standard of judgment. Which is more healthful the high checker collar of a by-gone day, which cut off circulation, produced headache and eye-strain, and was wretchedly uncomfortable, or the low neck which makes for beauty of contour, for comfort, for greater exposure to the health giving rays of the sun, and increased resistance to disease.

Judged by this, the one reasonable standard which can be applied to the issue, the styles of today are indefinitely more beautiful than the styles of yesterday. Because of this, one cannot repress the hope that for the sake of mothers and their children the prevailing styles will long prevail.

FORMER BAND LEADER REMEMBERED BY THE GRAYLING BANDSMEN

Gaylord, Dec. 28, 1926.
To The Members of
The Citizens' Band:
I wish to thank you for the beautiful gift presented to me by the manager.

Your Friend and past Director,
Ed. G. Clark.

A Pennsylvania man in a fit of dependency committed suicide in a taxi the other evening. That's what comes of watching the taximeter.



A NEW YEAR IS FLIRTING WITH US, AND WE ARE ABOUT TO DESERT OUR OLD LOVE, THE YEAR 1926. THE YEAR THAT HAS BEEN SO GOOD TO US. BUT THAT IS THE FATE OF YEARS—THEY MUST COME AND GO, AND AS THEY PASS, THEY OPEN 365 NEW, CLEAN, WHITE PAGES BEFORE US. WE MUST FILL THOSE PAGES. LET US ACCEPT THEM WITH UNBOUNDED FAITH AND RESOLVE TO DO EVEN A LITTLE BETTER THAN WE DID DURING THE YEARS THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE.

IT IS OUR EARNEST HOPE THAT THE MANY PATRONS WHO HAVE FAVORED US WITH THEIR PATRONAGE THIS YEAR WILL FIND US BETTER FITTED THAN EVER BEFORE TO SERVE THEM. AND OUR SINCERE WISH FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR IS EXTENDED TO EACH AND EVERY FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL IN THIS COMMUNITY.

T. W. HANSON
Lumber and Building Material
Phone 622

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Happy New Year

Our best wishes for your success and happiness

Let us all pull together for a bigger and better Grayling so we can truthfully say we are the heart of this wonderful section of Michigan.



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1926

A GREAT BLESSING

Those who listen nightly to the wonderful concerts sent by radio from New York City and many other large cities in the United States must concede that the radio is one of the greatest discoveries in the recent years. To sit comfortably in an easy chair in the warmth of one's own home and listen to programs by some of the world's greatest artists is certainly the height of real comfort and luxury. Do we appreciate the times in which we live or do we accept some of the present conveniences as those of the commonplace? Even the most isolated farm home may have its radio and is no longer shut off from the outside world. They may hear the latest in song, plays and news just as readily as those who live in the thickly settled communities. It is a great blessing. Statistics show that one out of every six farmers in the country now has a radio set and a good one.

NORMAL BUSINESS FOR 1927 IS SEEN BY C. W. NASH

That nothing exists in the general business condition of the country today which should "cause us to feel we are not entitled to expect a normal business for the year 1927" is the opinion of C. W. Nash, president of The Nash Motors Company, and looked upon as a spokesman for the automobile industry.

"While it is a fact," said Mr. Nash, "that the cotton crop was 'too good' this year, making the price too low, and that early frost damaged some of the corn crop, and in the north-west wet weather damaged wheat to some extent, yet I believe we will emerge from these drawbacks and find ourselves in a rather healthy position."

"I feel that we will not be confronted with too much political turmoil next year and I am of the opinion that if business men as a whole take a sane view of conditions and operate their various businesses along sane and economical lines, we are bound to have a very satisfactory year."

"It should not be overlooked that the balance of the world is getting into a little better position to buy more goods from America than have been bought in the past few years."

"I am very hopeful that labor will recognize the important part it has played in the affairs of our nation and will go along in the same manner it has been following for some time past. This also would have a great bearing on general conditions of 1927."

"So far as the automobile industry in particular is concerned, I feel that its outlook is safe and sound. However, I believe it to be a fact that the automobile business will be done by fewer manufacturing companies in the future than in the past but that automobiles will be made in large numbers and they will be made better each year. In this connection, I don't see anything particularly hazardous about the financing of automobiles for the retail buyer when financed on a proper basis."

ONLY CREDIT ASKED

If a newspaper should publish current gossip, or hints and allusions of the best society in the community it would be ostracized and the editor horsewhipped or burned at the stake. Think minute of the mean and low things you say about your townsmen and your neighbors and imagine how it would look in print. Don't criticize the newspapers for what they print, but give them great credit for what they don't print. A newspaper that contained one-half the nonsense current among the best citizens, would be considered unfit to read. Honest!

A New Jersey mother recently spanked her fifteen-year-old daughter who had run away to get married and then forgave her. It would appear in this case that the spankings should have begun earlier.

Our best wishes for your success and happiness

Local News

Don't say Bread, say Blue Bird. If O. P. Barnes of Lansing was in Grayling on business Wednesday.

Miss Genevieve Montour expects to spend the New Year's holidays in Bay City.

Mrs. Elsie Pettit and son John are spending the week in Detroit and River Rouge.

Mrs. Hans Niederer and children are spending the holidays in Bay City with relatives.

Howard Herrick of Flint visited over Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herrick.

Oscar Taylor and son Charles visited over Christmas with his son and daughters who reside in Detroit.

Collen's Hill at Lake Margrethe is being enjoyed during the holiday season with skiing and tobogganing parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinney of Gaylord spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappell.

Miss Bessie Brown is spending the holidays in Caro, a guest of the Thomas Trudo and Alva Roberts families.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarmin entertained the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hawthorne of Bay City over the yuletide.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown spent Christmas in Bay City with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff.

Mr. L. H. Chamberlin spent Christmas in Detroit visiting Mrs. Chamberlin and his son and daughters, who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigwald Hanson and children visited over Christmas with Mrs. Hanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Struble of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matthiesen enjoyed a visit over Christmas from Mrs. Jane Franklin and Thomas Robert of Manistique.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Sivrais left last week to spend a couple months with their children, who reside in Detroit, Flint and Bay City.

Mrs. Chas. Woodberry and daughter Mary Lou of Bay City arrived Wednesday to spend New Years at the home of Joseph McLeod.

Try our Willard batteries when in need of one. Use our garage for your battery storage this winter. Alfred Hanson Service Station.

Miss Anna Nelson returned to Grand Rapids Tuesday night after spending Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson.

Misses Ingeborg and Agnes Hanson were home from Detroit for Christmas visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson.

Miss Janet Matson, who is employed by the Western Union in Detroit, was home over Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Efner Matson.

Mrs. Owen Cameron is leaving tomorrow for Bay City for a few days visit before going to Cadillac, where she will enter the St. Mary's hospital training school for nurses.

Big crowds are gathering to enjoy the lyceum course this year. The next popular number appears here Jan. 6th, in the person of Ned Woodward. Come early if you want good seat.

Mrs. William Heric entertained a few friends at cards Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Frank Karnes, Mrs. Edward King and Mrs. Ollie Cody, who were visiting here. Lunch was enjoyed after the games.

Edgar and Clyde Dyer, who have been employed in Detroit, arrived to spend Christmas with relatives and expect to remain here indefinitely. They are visiting their sisters, Mrs. Clifford Chappell and Mrs. Rex Chappell.

Little Jack Hull was slightly injured early last evening when he was struck by a fender of the truck driven by George Corwin, at the corner of Cedar street and Michigan avenue. Luckily George was not going fast, nor the lad might have been severely

Mrs. and Mrs. Victor Petersen and children of Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. William Pobur and daughters and Peter Peterson of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. James Olson and family of Grand Blanc visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson had as their guests over Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warner and son Ralph Jr., Miss Helga Jorgenson and Mr. Chas. Smith, all of Detroit; Mr. and Roy Culham of Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Warner and son, Messrs. Chas. Smith and Roy Culham returned to their homes Monday, while the other guests will remain to spend New Years at the Jorgenson home.

It has been the custom of the Bridge club for several years to give a party at Christmas time that is not known as the regular weekly party of the club year. This year the dinner was given at Shoppington Inn, and was as usual a very delightful affair. Covers were laid for thirty-four guests at long tables very prettily decorated with four unique Christmas table ornaments arranged by the local florist. Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert opened their lovely home to the guests for the evening, where eight tables were filled for bridge. Mrs. C. G. Clippert and Dr. C. J. McCann held the high scores. Lieut. and Mrs. Russell Bates were guests of the club.

You will want to come early to secure a seat if you want to enjoy Ned Woodward in his unique program at the third number on the lyceum course, January 6, at the M. E. church.

If anyone found a present among their from the Christmas tree with Mrs. Simms' name on it, will they please return it to the rightful owner?

The parties in Ford coupe who entered my cottage at Higgins lake are known and will be prosecuted if the offense is repeated.

Mrs. M. F. Bingham.

What has become of the old-fashioned housewife who not to knit a few pairs of socks for Christmas?

To get the most out of life

You Must Help

the Other Fellow Live
Especially is this time-proved axiom true in Community life

If you would grow and prosper, a definite and appreciable part of your efforts must be expended in making this Community a better place in which to live.

Then, and only then, will the Community life be able to hold the young folks here, and attract from the outside desired industries and peoples, thus placing us on a basis of sound prosperity and growth.

Grayling Board of Trade

W. W. Lewis
President

C. J. McNamara
Vice-President

B. E. Smith
Sec.-Treas.

OPPORTUNITY COLUMN

LOST—BACK BUMPER FOR Auto, between Grayling and Feldhausen schoolhouse. Finder please notify T. E. Douglas, Grayling.

APARTMENT FOR RENT—STEAM heated, bath and modern. Inquire of Mrs. Daisy Kraus at hardware store. Phone 1222.

RELIABLE YOUNG MAN WISHES Work—Odd jobs or any other work. Leave word at Williams Brad's, Chestnut St., one block east of hospital.

BUICK COUPE FOR SALE—GOOD buy. Inquire at Avalanche office.

GOOSE OIL WANTED—HIGHEST market price paid. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

HOUSE FOR RENT—ONE BLOCK from Grayling high school. Newly painted and redecorated on inside. New garage. Phone 1191.

STRAYED—TO THE B. J. CALLAHAN home, a small hound, color black, white and tan. Inquire at Avalanche office.

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The school children are enjoying the holiday vacation.

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We, the wife, sister and brothers of Lawrence Moran, of Detroit wish to express our thanks to the choir and friends who aided us in our bereavement with kind remembrances and flowers.

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Mrs. Norman Fisher,
Mr. Joseph Moran,
Mr. Philip Moran.

12-16-3
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Farm Bureau Notes

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Quite a Crop

Ira C. Marshall of Dola, Hardin county, Ohio, is champion corn grower of the world. This year he grew 1886.8 bushels of shelled corn on ten acres, which is at the rate of over 188 bushels of shelled corn per acre. He is very careful to use only choice seed corn. Although his land is naturally very rich he puts manure on a legume sod and plows it under, then put on 200 pounds of fertilizer out of a log (commercial fertilizer). Then he puts some more commercial fertilizer by the side of the hill when the corn is three inches high.

Look at the yield he got—1686 bushels of shelled corn from 10 acres! He thinks it pays to do as he did.

You can't get something from nothing in the farming game.

There's Money in Soil Improvement
Each farmer should be saving up this winter to buy some lime and some fertilizer in the spring. Each should begin early to save, in order to be ready for his lime and fertilizer early in the spring.

Lime and Acid Phosphate

Not many people around here agree against lime. It is too well known to be what we need.

The next step is to get to plowing under more legume green manure crops, and then to sow some commercial fertilizer on top. Then we will get yields of potatoes, oats, hay and corn that are worth a man's time, taxes and use of his land.

This commercial fertilizer with most of us should be acid phosphate of which we have used several cars here.

Most of the soils in this region are lacking in the phosphorous that is

found in acid phosphate, so we have to put it there ourselves.

Acid phosphate, fortunately, is the cheapest of the fertilizers. Our farmers have found that it pays to use it.

Your county agent uses lots of it on his farm.

We will certainly see its use increase in Crawford county.

The next step better than acid phosphate is to use a 2-18-8 fertilizer when starting alfalfa. These figures mean 2 parts nitrogen, 16 parts phosphorus and 8 parts of potash.

They mean that we have put 2 parts of nitrogen and 8 parts of potash with the acid phosphate that we have been using, for the 16 stands for the acid phosphate.

Bear down heavily on acid phosphate and save up to get it in the spring.

Acid phosphate excels in keeping stables clean, also makes better fertilizer and conserves liquid portions.

Dairy farmers, in particular, and livestock farmers, in general, are realizing more and more the advantage of having clean, healthy, and agreeable smelling stables.

The acid phosphate, they find, takes up moisture and sweetens the stable equally as well as lime, and instead of lowering the value of the

manure, re-enforces or improves it. Farmers who follow this practice use from 1 to 3 pounds of acid phosphate per cow per day.

The Eye of The Master Fattens His Cattle

"There is an old German adage which says: 'The eye of the master fattens his cattle.' The meaning of this adage is that the herdsman must

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More Hay Without Fertilizer With Fertilizer



More Silage Without Fertilizer With Fertilizer



LESS FEED TO BUY

watch and study the needs of his cattle if he is to know how to make them grow fat. It is really true that the eye of the farmer makes his crops grow. In other words, the farmer must study his soil and his crops if he wants to raise large and profitable yields.

If a farmer wishes to grow maximum yields and do it economically, it is necessary that he becomes acquainted with the factors that affect plant growth, and then find out which ones are deficient in his soil and proceed to correct them. Untold millions of dollars in time, labor and materials are wasted each year because many people who raise crops do not understand the factors that affect the yields.

"The soil is a complicated machine. To make this machine operate economically to capacity, that is, to produce large crops, is the business of the farmer. To operate this business successfully, it is necessary that the farmer study his machine and attend to its needs. In other words, 'The eye of the farmer makes his crops grow.'—From radio talk over Station WLS by Prof. Emil Truog, University of Wisconsin.

See the Picture

Just look several times at the picture below. It certainly tells the truth.

Your county agent is trying to give our farmers the right idea on this fertility business, so that we all can grow bigger yields per acre, feed more stock to bring in money and cut down feed bills.

Here is the picture:

MORE MELON-CUTTING

(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

For several weeks past the New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc., has taken the position that the present is an investors market, and has pointed out as worth purchasing stocks of corporations having a good record of earnings over a period of years, sound capital position, wide margin of earnings over dividend disbursements, a good yield in consideration of the market price and dividend, and with the asset value of the shares well above the market price. Many of our clients took this advice and as a reward have participated handsomely in the extra cash and stock distributions which recently have been the vogue among the better class of industrial units.

The same advice holds good now. All the worth while authorities look forward for another year of successful business. Industry is optimistic. It is free from fear. Consequently, the melon-cutting has only just begun. All during the first part of 1927 there will be dividend increases and stock split-ups. The opportunities for investors lie in purchasing outright or nearly so such stocks as are likely to make such extraordinary rewards.

Quite naturally, preceding such increases or extras, the particular stocks will advance in market price, and this is an adjunct not to be despised.

As a helpful hint to our friends we will mention here only a few of the opportunities for profitable purchases. American Steel Foundries, a highly regarded stock with increasing earnings and a trend towards higher rating. Consolidated Gas of New York, with well secured dividends, yielding around 6 per cent with an extra distribution imminent. Union Pacific, which is bulging with assets and cash. Texas Company, which is almost certain to increase its dividends in the near future. Loew's Inc., earning its dividend nearly three times over. Packard Motors, conspicuous among the motors and showing rapid growth of net profits. Cuba Company, Northern Pacific, Marland Oil, Phillips Petroleum, U. S. Industrial Alcohol, Cuban American Sugar and Erie preferred.

Automobile fatalities in Grand Rapids in 1926 totaled 11, which was 25 under the 1925 mark. Safety Director James Sinke reported. Last year 36 persons died as a result of automobile accidents. In 1924 there were 21 deaths recorded and in 1922 there were 25, while in 1920 the total was 34. The month of November, with a record of 1,186 automobile accidents, stands out as the worst month in the traffic circles of Grand Rapids. The accidents involved 1,824 male drivers and 112 women motorists.

Four lake vessels are marooned in the ice of Saginaw Bay with the virtual certainty they will have to remain there all winter. The four, the Langell Boys, Saginaw lumber barge, the Sarnia City, a Port Huron tug, and the barges Filmore and Bradley, of Bay City, were within five miles of Bay City at one time, but the ice went out of the mouth of the river and swept them out into the bay again. The ice took them out further in one hour, than what progress they had been able to make in three days.

Detroit's ascension to the coveted position of America's third industrial city has been confirmed in the recent announcement of industrial statistics assembled by the department of commerce. The government census shows that the total wholesale value of products manufactured in Wayne county during the year ending December 31, 1925, was \$2,654,845,245. The estimated retail value of these products is in excess of \$3,000,000,000.

On the payroll of one industrial concern for 55 years is the record of Carl Erling, of Kalamazoo, maker of fine books. In 1871 Mr. Erling entered the employ of the Ohling Brothers & Everard Co. Two years ago his employer had a gold medal of honor struck for him. It was presented at a dinner where Mr. Erling was notified that he had been placed on pension at full pay for the rest of his life. His actual service, therefore, covered a period of exactly 55 years.

Tragedy stalked in the wake of the fifty-first anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Garret Hall, living southeast of Coldwater, when death claimed Mrs. Hall, 72 years old. She died suddenly while at a dinner arranged to fittingly observe the occasion by their two surviving children, John Hall and Mrs. Charles T. Bishop. The occasion also marked the seventy-fifth birthday of Mr. Hall. There were seven guests present who attended their wedding 51 years ago.

Michigan Happenings

The annual report of the Michigan Department of Labor and Industry for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1926, shows that in factories and workshops there were employed 754,051 males, 82,811 females, a total of 836,865; average daily wage of males, \$6.02; of females, \$6.40 in factories and workshops. In stores the number of employees was 34,407, and their average daily wages, \$6.21; number of female employees, 30,471, average daily wage, \$6.18. The average wages of males in all industries of the state was \$5.96; average wages of females, \$3.25.

Snow removal from the streets of Traverse City is altogether too efficient for the draymen, it was revealed in a petition to the city commission by haulers of freight who use sleighs. City plows have been doing such a good job this winter that long stretches of the main streets are bare, the petition points out, making it impossible for the sleighs to travel. Another similar plea has come from farmers of the region, who live off the state trunk lines, who therefore, are compelled to use sleighs to reach the highways covered by state plows.

To bag a wild goose in Michigan is a feat which entitles the lucky nimrod to maintain an air of arrogance and aristocracy throughout all of a cold winter. But to bag five geese out of one flock puts the happy gunner in a class of exclusive lonesomeness. Among the lucky few who, however, have succeeded in a limit bag on geese this season is M. E. Davenport of Grand Rapids. Davenport's five birds were lesser snow geese which are smaller than Canada's, but which wild fowl hunters count more delicately flavored.

Michigan is the third state in the union in the production of furniture and the second in number of workers thus employed and wages paid, the department of commerce announced recently. The ranking, as shown by 1925 production is as follows: New York, \$155,826,177; Illinois, \$109,230,867; Michigan, \$99,130,108; Indiana, \$80,687,630; Wisconsin, \$52,916,692; Pennsylvania, \$52,607,048; North Carolina, \$51,208,738; Ohio, \$47,588,668; California, \$36,726,511, and Massachusetts, \$33,688,637.

Homer "Tom" Stephens, millionaire banker, lumberman and traveler, and president of the First National Bank of Mt. Clemens, sends word from the Pacific Coast that he has acquired one of the rare silver dollars of the 1804 coinage, which is quoted at a premium of \$1,000. Only four silver dollars of that issue were coined.

One was lost when a noted Turkish

wrestler drowned during an ocean trip; one is owned by Rizad Bey, the shah of Persia, and the other by a Philadelphia man.

Purchase of Saugatuck business men of a gasoline motor car to haul freight was the suggestion made to a committee of business men from that village by J. A. Anderson, superintendent, and George E. Hunt, division freight agent of the Chicago Petoskey division of the Pere Marquette railroad. Saugatuck business men asked the railroad to provide freight service between Saugatuck and Holland as a result of the abandonment of the Grand Rapids, Holland & Chicago Railway company property.

Detroit, with a rate of 37.8 automobile fatalities per 100,000 stood in thirteenth place among the cities of the country in 1925, the department of commerce announced recently. The rate compares with 25.5 in 1924 and 13.4 in 1921. While 12 cities had a larger proportion of deaths from automobile accidents in 1925, only two of these Grand Rapids and Salt Lake City showed so heavy a percentage of increase over 1921, Grand Rapids rising to 29.2 from 10.6 and Utah's capital to 32 from 14.8.

Fred W. Green, Governor-elect, rode into Grand Rapids in an automobile operated by a bootlegger and heavily laden with liquor. Mr. Green's automobile broke down en route from Ionia to Muskegon and with Mrs. Green he halled a passing automobile. After Mr. Green had climbed into the automobile with his wife, he discovered that it was loaded with liquor.

"We were mighty glad to get to Grand Rapids and I presume the driver was pleased, too," explained the Governor-elect.

Two-year-old Rodney Brooks, of Muskegon, drank two ounces of laudanum extract while his mother was out of the house. He died soon after.

William Kaen, 2, of Detroit, fell into a tub of boiling water and was scalded to death before his mother, Mrs. Joseph Kaen, who was in another room of the house, could answer the child's screams.

Joseph Rossanzani, 18 years old, of Grand Rapids, an employee of Michael Smolewski, operator of a meat market, was killed when he came in contact with a high tension wire while he was in a refrigerator at the market.

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Have We Reached The Danger Line in Taxation?

AMERICAN railroad taxes are mounting to new Alpine heights this year, to the latest estimate for 1926, being that they will aggregate somewhere between \$400,000,000 and \$420,000,000, which may be expressed in various ways, although meaning the same heavy load:

That they will average from \$1,005,800 to \$1,150,675 a day.

That they will involve a charge per hour between \$45,659 and \$47,945.

That from six cents to six cents and four and a half mills out of every dollar taken in will go towards taxes.

That the railroads in 1926 will have to devote more than the net earnings of one mile out of every four for the payment of taxes.

The national government has cut down the national debt from January 1, 1920, to January 1, 1926, by about \$4,250,000,000—four and a quarter billions.

In the same interval, the debts of state and local governments have increased by about 6½ billions—\$6,750,000,000.

During this period of federal debt reduction, the state and local governments have been incurring obligations 20 times as fast as they paid off the old debt. During this same period, debts of state and local governments combined have been incurred 4½ times as fast as they were before the war.

The total public debt of all forms of government in this country is higher than at the peak of the war debt in 1919.

The national debt is being reduced at the rate of three quarters of a billion dollars a year—\$750,000,000.

State and local debt is being increased at the rate of more than a billion and a quarter dollars a year—\$1,250,000,000.

From January 1st, 1920, to January 1st, 1926, national government expenditures were reduced about two billion dollars—\$2,000,000,000.

During the same period current expenditures by state and local governments increased more than two billion dollars a year—\$2,000,000,000—and they are still increasing.

Rising taxes are one of the initial moving forces of the vicious circle of rising costs. Labor asks for higher wages. Producers and distributors pass along the

LYDIA of the Pines

by
Honore
Willstie

(By Frederick A. Stokes Co.)
WNU Service

THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—With her baby sister, Patience, Lydia returns from play to the untidy home of her impoverished father, John Dudley. John, Charlie's father's friend, and her own devoted admirer, John Levine, after discussing affairs with Dudley, makes up his mind to go into politics.

CHAPTER II.—Lydia, Patience and a companion, Kent Moulton, playing by the lake, are attacked by Indians who steal their food. Margery, small daughter of Dave Marshall, the town's leading Indian, is in trouble because Margery falls into the water. She is pulled out, unburnt but frightened, and taken home by Lydia and Kent. Her mother, Mrs. Norton, complains, blaming Lydia for the mishap.

CHAPTER III.—Lydia explains the accident and asserts that because Margery is considered "stuck up" she is not a popular playmate. Marshall's wife, Mrs. Norton, is a widow who swims and otherwise become "one of the crowd." Levine tells Ames his plan to take timber from the Indian reservation. Lydia is shocked and asks him for entanglement. From an older boy, Billy Norton, Lydia gets a pair of wild ducks, and despite their poverty the Dudes have a Christmas feast.

CHAPTER IV.—Patience succumbs to the pressure of her mother's ways. Lydia feels that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. She finds comfort in the loving kindness of John Levine, who has written a note of Ames' back by Levine and held by Marshall. Ames is due and cannot be met. The child pleads with Marshall, who, to her sake, agrees to renew the note.

CHAPTER V.—Grieving for the loss of little Patience, Lydia's health fails. Levine, understanding the situation, gives Lydia a pup which the lonely child takes to her room. In the meantime, Lydia enters high school where she at once realizes that her homemade frock and general appearance are not good enough for her better-dressed companions. She attends a party given by her teacher, Miss Towne. The other girls smartly dressed make fun of her makeshift costume.

CHAPTER VI.—Levine is elected sheriff. A sixteen-year-old Indian boy, Charlie Jackson, tells Lydia of numerous wrongs done his people, mainly by Mr. Norton, and Lydia becomes a champion for her friend vigorously. Meeting Levine in Lydia's house, Charlie Jackson threatens and endeavours to attack him.

CHAPTER VII.—Levine is shot by an unknown assailant. Recuperating at the Dudes' cabin, he learns the extent of Lydia's honestess and her shaken faith in God. The man and girl enter into a compact to start a "search for truth." Lydia is converted, and begins her campaign for congress.

CHAPTER VIII.—Lydia is unable to drive the hatred of Levine from Charlie's heart, and despite herself her faith in her old friend is shaken by the young Indian's sin. Lydia, however, long realized that despite their disparity in age he is passionately in love with the young girl.

CHAPTER IX.—Levine is triumphant in his campaign for congress. Lydia earns enough money selling fudge to give Lydia a pup. Kent, Margery and two school friends, George Bach and a girl named Olga, Miss Towne, chaperone them.

CHAPTER X.—Walking with Kent in the woods, Lydia witnesses a meeting between Charlie Jackson and his Indian friends. Lydia overhears their conversation, convinces Lydia that Charlie has been right in accusing Levine of plotting to rob the Indians.

CHAPTER XI.—A visit from the old squaw whom Lydia had befriended long ago, and her old friend, Mrs. Marshall, and Levine's thievishness. Lydia promises to talk to Levine. Billy Norton makes a boisterous proposal of marriage to Lydia, and she accepts him in her talk with Levine. The man avers his methods are lawful and really best for the Indians. The girl is only half convinced.

CHAPTER XII.—Charlie tells Lydia his secret wish to help his people at the instigation of Levine, and she is miserable at the thought. The family poverty also weighs heavily on her. She is selected as valedictorian. Billy Norton comes home to the Indians' ball where she has her first girlish "wonderful time."

CHAPTER XIII.—Congress passes Levine's bill for the opening of the reservation to the Indians. Lydia, however, is still in the West, and she is miserable at the thought. The family poverty also weighs heavily on her. She is selected as valedictorian. Billy Norton comes home to the Indians' ball where she has her first girlish "wonderful time."

CHAPTER XIV.—A congressional commission comes to Lake City to investigate the Indians, and evidence is given in proof of the town's prominent citizens is produced.

CHAPTER XV.—Before the commission Charlie Jackson accuses Levine of complicity in the murder of his father. Lydia warmly defends Levine. Lydia is exposed as the woman who owned the "Last Chance," a brothel which was also headquarters for the illegal selling of whisky to Indians.

CHAPTER XVII

The End of a Great Search

Lydia returned to her college work the Monday after the junior prom, a little thinner, and her color not quite so bright as usual, but in a most cheerful frame of mind. She was feeling, somehow, a new sense of maturity and contentment.

Kent was devoting a good deal of attention to Lydia but this did not prevent his taking Margery about. He was, he explained to Lydia, sorry for her!

"You don't have to explain to me," protested Lydia. "I want you to go with all the girls you like. I intend to see all I want of as many men as care to see me. I told you this was my playtime."

Kent's reply to this was a non-committal grunt.

It was late in May that he told Lydia what John Levine had finally accomplished, in his silent months of work in Washington. The Indians on the reservation were to be removed bodily to a reservation in the Southwest. The reservation was then to be thrown open to white settlement.

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Kent shrugged his shoulders. "Poor old scout! He'll have to make a new start in the West. But isn't it glorious news, Lydia? The land reverts to the government and the land office opens it, just as in pioneer days. Everybody who's title's in question now can re-enter under settlement laws. Isn't Levine a wizard? Why

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"I don't know what to say," said Lydia. "I'm sick at heart for the Indians. But I'm glad that the awful temptation of the pines is going to be taken away from Lake City. Though how good can come out of a wrong, I'm not sure. When will Mr. Levine come home?"

"Next month."

On a Sunday afternoon, late in June, John Levine turned in at the gate as casually as though he had left but the day before. Lydia was inspecting the garden with her father, when she heard Adam bark and whine a welcome to some one.

"Oh, there he is, daddy!" she cried; and she dashed down the rows of young peas, her white skirts fluttering, both hands extended.

John seized her hands and for a moment the two stood smiling and looking into each other's face. Except that he was grayer, Levine was unchanged. He broke the silence to say, "Well! Well! young Lydia, you are grown up."

"It's my hair," said Lydia, "and my skirts."

The two men clasped hands. "Well, Ames?"

"It's been a long time between drinks, John."

"I know it, Ames, but my chores are done. Now, I'll stay home and enjoy life. Lydia, is it too hot for waffles and coffee, for supper?"

"It's not too hot for anything on earth you can ask for," returned Lydia, beginning to roll up her sleeves. "I'll go right in and start them now."

It was an extraordinarily pleasant supper. After the dishes were washed, Levine asked Lydia to stroll up the road with him while Ames did his evening chores. It was dusk when they turned out the gate to the road, Lydia clinging to John's arm.

John put a long, hard hand over the small thin one on his arm. "Have you missed me, young Lydia?" he asked.

"Yes," she answered, "especially as you never came near us after the search."

"How could I come?" asked the man, simply. "You had wedged me and found me wanting. Have you forgotten me, Lydia?"

John Levine had finished the Great Search.

Curiously enough, nothing could have done so much toward reinstating Lake City in the good opinion of the country at large as did Levine's tragic death. There was felt to be a divine justice in the manner of his taking off that took root largely of the nature of stonement. He had led the whites in the despoiling of the Indians. For this the Indians had killed him.

That a white life extinguished for a tribe destroyed might not be full compensation in the eyes of that Larger Justice which, after all, rules the universe, did not sufficiently influence the reaction of public opinion toward thinking better of Lake City. And John Levine, known in life as an Indian graft politician, became in his death a statesman of far vision.

After her first wild grief had expended itself, Lydia found that all, Levine's tragic death had not surprised her. She realized that ever since she had known Charlie Jackson, she had been vaguely haunted by a fear of just such an ending.

"Because, I can't stand not having your approval," said Levine.

They strolled on in silence, while Lydia considered her reply. "No matter if the destroying of the Indians were right, that wouldn't exonerate the whites for having been cruel and crooked in doing it. People will always remember it of us."

John sighed, then said abruptly, "Let's never discuss it again. What are you reading now, Lydia?"

"English essayists and Emerson. I'm crazy about Emerson. I learned one thing from Friendship to quote to you. It's like you and me."

She quoted: "Friendship—that selects and sacrates relationship that is a kind of absolute and which even leaves the language of love suspicious and common so much is this purer; and nothing is so much divine."

Billy, trundling up the dusty road from the law office on his bicycle, late each afternoon, would stop for a moment or two.

"The drought is something frightening," he said to Lydia one afternoon in late August, wiping the sweat and dust from his face. "Are you feeling any more cheerful, Lydia?"

Lydia laughed. "Then we'd travel to all the happy places of the world. We must turn back. Daddy'll be waiting."

"I shall always have a gap in my life, where he went out," she said, slowly. "I shall never get over missing him. Oh, he was so dear to me! And yet, Billy, it isn't at all like Patience's death. He didn't depend on me and I didn't live with him so that everything doesn't cry his absence to me. And I've got more resources than I had then."

She laid her hand on the open book in her lap.

"What're you reading?" asked Billy.

"Emerson—Compensation. Listen, Billy—We cannot part with our friends. We cannot let our angels go. We do not see that they only go out that archangels may come in."

"And so," Lydia's voice trembled, but she went on bravely. "I'm trying to understand—trying to see how I can make something good come out of his poor lost life. Somehow I feel as if that were my job. And—and the idea helps me. Oh, my dear John Levine."

The two young people sat staring at the distant hills.

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"I understand," answered Billy.

Early in September, John Levine's wife was to carry in her memory, his hands some bronze face, too early marked with lines of despair, as she saw it while she uttered her protest to the commissioners. And it was a hauntingly sad memory to carry.

In the evening Lydia sat with her Emerson open before her, but with her unseeing eyes fastened on his poor lost life. Somehow I feel as if that were my job. And—and the idea helps me. Oh, my dear John Levine!"

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The mere exposure to the wind as one sails along does not mean that considerable quantities are taken into the body. In fact, one of the most inefficient ways to take fresh air is via the automobile route.

Of all the common, everyday pursuits of life, automobile driving is probably the most nerve racking, nerve exhausting and debilitating.

The tiredness which comes as a sequence to the day's driving is not the effect of exercise but rather the effect of muscles and nerve tension without any relief.

You who want better respiration and a twang to your appetite, put a couple punctures in the tires of your car. Then sling a knapsack on your shoulder. Get out into the glorious outdoors. Follow the lure of the wandering trail. Drink in the sweet nectar of the wild-flowers. Absorb the earthy odor of the moist sod and moss.

When the body grows tired, lie down in the shade of the friendly oak or pine. Listen to the cadence of the birds and of the abundant insect life. Feel the exquisite sense of fatigue that comes from muscles hard used and from the free rhythmic expansion of breathing dust-free air.

One dose of a good, stiff outdoor hike is worth a million miles of Rolls Royce exercise. Try it and you will find that the good oliver of two firm feet and a stout heart will give vastly more pleasure than six cymbals and a tank full of gas. And your car will be better for the rest, too.

"Bought with money earned by the sweat of my brow," said Lydia.

Kent looked at her quizzically. "A New England conscience must be something awful to you, eh, Lydia?"

Lydia chuckled. "It's pretty bad," she admitted, then she went sober.

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"Next month."

On a Sunday afternoon, late in June, John Levine turned in at the gate as casually as though he had left but the day before. Lydia was inspecting the garden with her father, when she heard Adam bark and whine a welcome to some one.

"Oh, there he is, daddy!" she cried; and she dashed down the rows of young peas, her white skirts fluttering, both hands extended.

John seized her hands and for a moment the two stood smiling and looking into each other's face. Except that he was grayer, Levine was unchanged. He broke the silence to say, "Well! Well! young Lydia, you are grown up."

No one spoke again. Kent brought the automobile up with a bang before the doctor's house and Lydia followed closely by the two men, ran up to the door, through the outer office to the inner, where a nurse and Doc Fulton stood beside a cot.

Levine lay with his face turned toward the door. When he saw Lydia he smiled faintly. She was quite calm, except for her trembling. She walked quickly to his side and took his hand.

"Looks like I was going to start traveling alone, young Lydia," he said feebly. "I just wanted to tell you that Great Search—is ending all right—don't worry."

"I won't," said Lydia.

"Only I hate to go alone—my mother—gimme something, doc."

The doctor held a glass to his lips. After a moment, Levine said again, "My mother used to hold me—" his voice trailed off and Lydia said suddenly:

"You mean you want me to comfort you like I used to comfort Patience?"

"Yes! Yes!" whispered Levine.

"It's going to sleep alone I—Mother."

Lydia knelt and sliding her arm under Levine's neck, she pulled his head over gently to rest on her shoulder. Then she began with infinite softness the little song she had not uttered for so many years.

I've reached the land of corn and wine
And all its riches surely mine.

I've reached that heavenly, shining shore

My heaven, my home, for evermore.

Suddenly the nurse shifted John's head and Doc Fulton lifted Lydia to her feet. "Take her home, Ames," he said.

John Levine had finished the Great Search.

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Curiously enough, nothing could have done so much toward reinstating Lake City in the good opinion of the country at large as did Levine's tragic death. There was felt to be a divine justice in the manner of his taking off that took root largely of the nature of stonement. He had led the whites in the despoiling of the Indians. For this the Indians had killed him.

That a white life extinguished for a tribe destroyed might not be full compensation in the eyes of that Larger Justice which, after all, rules the universe, did not sufficiently influence the reaction of public opinion toward thinking better of Lake City. And John Levine, known in life as an Indian graft politician, became in his death a statesman of far vision.

After her first wild grief had expended itself, Lydia found that all, Levine's tragic death had not surprised her. She realized that ever since she had known Charlie Jackson, she had been vaguely haunted by a fear of just such an ending.

"Because, I can't stand not having your approval," said Levine.

They strolled on in silence, while Lydia considered her reply. "No matter if the destroying of the Indians were right, that wouldn't exonerate the whites for having been cruel and crooked in doing it. People will always remember it of us."

John sighed, then said abruptly, "Let's never discuss it again. What are you reading now, Lydia?"

"English essayists and Emerson. I'm crazy about Emerson. I learned one thing from Friendship to quote to you. It's like you and me."

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This messenger of good will is to thank you for the many favors you have shown us in the past and to extend to you and yours the fond hope that the New Year may be blessed with happiness and prosperity.

Mac & Gidley

PHONE 18 THE REXALL STORE

LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1926

Carl Sorenson was in Bay City Wednesday on business.

Remember, there is a difference in Bread—Blue Bird.

Mrs. Edward McCracken of Fred-
eric called on Grayling friends Wed-
nesday.Mrs. William Fairbotham is enjoy-
ing the pleasures of a new Easy
wisher.Fred Lamm of Monroe was a
Christmas guest in the home of Mrs.
Celia Granger.Save your goose oil. We pay high-
est market prices for it. Mac & Gid-
ley, Druggists.Mr. and Mrs. John Deckrow spent
Christmas with relatives in Bay City,
returning this week.Arthur Parker and family have
moved from the old Pomeroy place to
the dwelling over the Grayling cream-
ery.Electric appliances are modern
and appropriate gifts. See them on
display at Grayling Electric show
room.Ned Woodman is funny. You will
laugh at him and with him if you see
and hear him in his program at the
Michelson Memorial church next
Thursday, Jan. 6th.Hurrah for the Biggest Event
of the YearBarn Dance
and Frolic
Thursday Evening, Jan. 6th
9:00 p. m. Temple Theatre

DIRECTION OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY THOMAS

GIRLS—WEAR YOUR GINGHAM APRONS AND BONNETS
BOYS—PUT ON YOUR OVERALLS AND BIG STRAW HATSBLOCK CONTEST—BALLOON DANCE
SERPENTINE CONFETTI—MOONLIGHT DANCES

GRAND PRIZE—for the Most Comical Dressed RUBE COUPLE.

Special Dancing Feature by Miss Anita Thomas

COUPLES, \$1.00; EXTRA LADY, 50c; BALCONY, 35c

FUN GALORE
Pumpkin Pie and Coffee

Petersen's Grocery

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

New Year Time
1927

To Our Friends:

We are not unmindful of the pleasant relationship that has existed between us. We thank you for the opportunities we have enjoyed of serving you and shall earnestly strive to deserve your increasing confidence in the future.

In the spirit of this season of Good Will, we extend Greetings, and wish for you and yours a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
H. Petersen.

Petersen's Grocery

Buy "World's Star" Hosiery and "Klean Knit" underwear, special prices now. Mrs. Jas. McDonnell, local representative.

Come on to the Barn Dance, all you old time hoopers, for we're going to introduce a few good old fashioned dances, Temple Theatre, Thursday, Jan. 6th.

Harold and Frank Schmidt, who are employed in Detroit, are spending the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holger C. Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gothro have as their guests over the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Thurston and little daughter Jane of Perry, Mich. Mrs. Thurston is the daughter of Mrs. Gothro.

The county board of supervisors will open the regular annual January session next week Tuesday. This is a week earlier than usual in order to not interfere with the circuit court, which will convene January 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Rasmussen visited over Christmas with the latter's sister, Mrs. Jens Jorgenson and son Axel of Detroit. Peter F. Jorgenson acted as village night marshal during Mr. Rasmussen's absence.

George VanPatten of the "Try It" cafe left Friday night for Detroit to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Glen Penard and other relatives who gathered at the Penard home. He will also visit friends in Flint before returning here.

Peter Babbitt, who has been a member of the coast guard, has been lately stationed at Deer Park station on Lake Superior, has resigned and arrived home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben S. Babbitt.

Claude Bissonette, who is attending school in Saginaw is spending the holiday vacation visiting his mother, Mrs. Hattie Bissonette.

Menno Corwin visited over Christmas in Ann Arbor with Mrs. Corwin, who is caring for Mrs. Geo. Schable at the University hospital.

Woodman, the popular cartoonist and humorist, will entertain you at the Michelson Memorial church next Thursday evening, January 6.

Miss Annabelle McLeod returned Wednesday morning after spending Christmas in Detroit, and has resumed her duties at the Schjeldt grocery.

Miss Emma Peterson, Axel and Thorwald Peterson of Detroit visited over Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson.

Miss Loretta McDonnell, who is attending the Central Normal at Mt. Pleasant, arrived home Friday morning to spend Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald. She will leave Friday for Bay City to visit for a few days before returning to school.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Anderson of Maple Forest have sold their fine farm to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Richter of Saginaw. They will leave at once for Flint where Mr. Anderson has accepted a position with the Buick Motor Company. Mr. and Mrs. Richter will arrive and take charge of their new farm early next spring.

One of the prominent pastors of a Petoskey church and who has a personal acquaintance with Governor-elect Green by reason of having lived in Ionia four years, says of him: "Fred W. Green is likely to become one of the greatest governors Michigan has ever known." We are very glad indeed to hear this report from one who has known Mr. Green intimately.

Julian Smith is spending his holiday vacation partly in bed trying to check an attack of appendicitis. He seems to be getting along nicely for the present, but doesn't relish the idea of missing so many pleasant days when he could be out on the big pile out of the lake, and doing many other outdoor things that appeals to his love of the outdoors.

Auto drivers report wonderful roads between here and Mackinaw City, saying they are as smooth as a pavement. South of Grayling, they are also excellent as far south as West Branch, where they are clear of snow, but very slippery with ice, making driving very slow and not unmixed with danger. The roads in the north are a credit to the highway department and a great convenience to the public.

Among the many handsome calendars to reach this office, and sent out by Grayling firms, is that of the Kerry & Hanson Flooring company. The picture is entitled "The Friendly Gleam Across the Snow," and is in soft colors depicting pleasing birches in their white and brown, a friendly stream and a snow-covered home with its radiant warmth and welcoming light. It is a very attractive work of art.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McKinley journeyed up to Gaylord and spent the Christmas tide at the family manse with their son Ray and wife and daughter Joyce Elizabeth. Friday night they attended the Baptist Christmas program and exercises under the auspices of the Sunday school. Christmas day and evening they enjoyed some wonderfully entertaining music and select programs over the Atwater Kent radio set recently installed in the home of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy enjoyed having as their guests over Christmas their entire family, it being some years since the family had a reunion. Those from out of the city included Sister M. Pancratia of Guardian Angel Convent, Manistee, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Thelon and Miss Margaret Cassidy of Grand Rapids. Miss Margaret Cassidy, who was injured when she was struck with an automobile the fore part of November, has not fully recovered from her injuries. She had suffered a severe gash in her head and one knee was severely injured.

The recent dancing parties given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas at the Temple theatre have proved very popular and have been attended by large crowds, who sure enjoyed the many novelty features and surprises that had been prepared for them and every dance was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The next party will be given January 6th, when many new features will be presented at the big barn dance. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are deserving of much credit in the way that these weekly events are being conducted. It is really good entertainment.

Don't forget the Charity Ball given at the high school gymnasium on New Year's Eve.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. McDonnell visited over Christmas at the home of the former's parents in Charlevoix.

Mrs. Eva Smith of River Rouge is spending the holidays with her brother, Supt. B. E. Smith and family.

Mrs. Mabel Shippy enjoyed Christmas with friends in Gaylord, returning to Grayling Monday afternoon.

The L. N. L. will hold their installation of officers at their business meeting Wednesday evening, January 6. All members are requested to be present. Pot luck lunch.

See Miss Anita Thomas in a dance specialty at the Old Barn Dance at the Temple theatre, Thursday, January 6th.

Miss Mollie Johnson of Bay City is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Johnson.

Fred Edwards of Flint is spending the holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. Nellie Edwards and with other friends.

Don't miss the big barn dance at the Temple theatre, Thursday, Jan. 6th. Couple, \$1.00. Extra lady, 50c. Balcony, 35c.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yuill of Vanderbilt were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zielbier over Christmas.

Schram's seven-piece orchestra will furnish the music at the Charity Ball, Friday, Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve, at the school gymnasium.

Herman Hanson, who is attending Ferris Institute at Big Rapids this year taking a course in pharmacy, is home for the holiday vacation.

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Mrs. Herluf Sorenson and daughter, Elsa Mae are in Cadillac, where they were called early last week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Zalsman of Detroit spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Zalsman, returning to Detroit Monday.

Miss Viva Hoesli, who is attending Memorial hospital nurses' college in Owosso, was home over Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hoesli.

Russell Robertson, who is attending M. S. C. at Lansing arrived home Friday morning to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Robertson.

Miss Helen Johnson, formerly of Grayling, visited friends here Sunday enroute to Detroit from Gaylord, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Earl Merry.

Miss Ruby Stephan, who is attending business college in Toledo, Ohio, is spending the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stephan, on the AuSable.

Grand prize for the most comical dressed robe couple, who attend the barn dance at the Temple theatre, Thursday, January 6th. Souvenirs, confetti, novelties and fun.

Santa Claus left as gifts on Christmas morning, a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Matthews and a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Vincent. All are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Meilstrup and children of Detroit and Miss Kristine Salling, who is teaching at Alma, are spending the holidays at the home of the ladies' mother, Mrs. Victor Salling.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Nelson entertained the members of the former's family at dinner on Christmas eve. Afterwards they enjoyed the Nelson Christmas tree and spent the evening listening in on the radio.

Sigurd Johnson, who is taking a course in pharmacy at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, is home for the holidays, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algot Johnson motoring over to Big Rapids to accompany him home.

Come on girls, put on your gingham and come to "Ye Old-Time Barn Dance," and enjoy the best time of your life. Novelties, noise-makers and fun galore. Temple theatre, Thursday, January 6th.

B. E. Smith and family are enjoying a visit from his mother, who intends to remain for some time. She has been making her home with relatives in Spokane, Washington and other western cities for a number of years.

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Henry Ahman, who is attending the U. of M., Ann Arbor, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burrows and family visited over Christmas with relatives in Cheboygan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rockwell of Gaylord over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Anderson of Maple Forest are visiting her father, William Johnson and family.

Henry Buckholz, who is employed by the Kerry & Way company of Saginaw visited over Christmas with his family here.

Charles DeWeese, who was a patient at Grayling Mercy hospital for several weeks, was dismissed last Thursday and returned to his home in Roscommon.

James Richardson, who was home from Pontiac over Christmas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Richardson of South Branch, spent Sunday here a guest in the Frank Ahman home.

Miss Astrid Ahman, who is employed as bookkeeper and stenographer in the offices of Grinnell Bros. in Detroit was home over Christmas the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ahman.

Tonight and tomorrow night "The Son of the Shiek," featuring the beloved Rudolph Valentine will be presented at the Grayling Opera house. W. C. Fields in "So's Your Old Man" is the feature for New Year's night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson and sons and Mrs. Olson's mother, Mrs. Ellen Failing motored to Saginaw and spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas. While away E. J. purchased a fine new Hudson coach.

Good heating stove for sale at the Avalanche office.

FREDERIC

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goldie and children of Henderson were here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burke on their way to Colbourne, Ont., to see his mother who is very ill.

Last Monday the remains of Lawrence Moran was brought here for interment from Detroit. He was the youngest brother of Mrs. Norman Fisher, also of Joseph Moran of Alba and Philip of Grayling. Rev. Cran dall delivered a good sermon, while some beautiful songs were sung by a small choir. The song "I'll Be with You in the Morning," was especially beautiful.

Last Thursday morning while Mr. and Mrs. McClain and family were at breakfast in the kitchen, they smelled smoke and opening the middle door, found the front room enveloped in flames, and had hard work to save a sick boy. Nothing was saved to amount to anything. Mr. and Mrs. McClain are hard working, industrious people, and at this time of year should be generously helped, as they could ill afford such a loss.

Mrs. J. H. Higgins is on the sick list, being under the doctor's care.

The Christmas trees, both at the school house and church, were very beautiful and the programs rendered were fine. Those of especial mention were Miss Lena Badger and the stringed quartette, composed of Robert Hunter, sister Annabelle and Ruth Forbush.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wixson spent Sunday in Petoskey.

Clarence Armstrong was home for the holidays, accompanied by Mrs. Mattie Moore.

Miss Gertrude Lapham is spending the holidays in Saginaw.

The Florida tourist arrived safely at Melrose and Orlando.

Dr. Saunders of Gaylord spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wixson.

Art Pledger and wife are spending the holidays with his people at Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wallace are visiting at Battle Creek.

Leece Ashenfelter of Grayling spent Christmas with Miss Annabelle Hunter.

Pete Ries of Blissfield spent Christmas with Max Tobin.

Charles Badger and family ate their Christmas turkey at Waters with Joe Dorries.

Ed Barber of Chicago Heights and Elton of Flint spent Christmas at home with their mother.

Jimmie Horton returned home to Pontiac for the holidays.

Lieut. Preston, of the aeroplane corps, and wife are home with the Charles Craven family.

Ethel Parson is visiting her sister in Detroit.

Clarice Welch and Patsy McKay were at home over Christmas.

Mrs. McCracken found it necessary to have her dog shot. The only fault he had was crankiness towards children.

NED WOODMAN COMING HERE JANUARY 6TH

Wherever Ned Woodman, well-known cartoonist and entertainer, who comes here next Thursday evening on the lycour course, presents one of his famous cheerlogs, critics are unanimously enthusiastic. Here are a few typical comments on Mr. Woodman and his work:

"Ned Woodman is in a class by himself, and for two hours kept the crowd in a constant state of mirth by his unique sketches. Woodman is more than an artist; he is a poet, a philosopher, a psychologist and 'a revelation of man to himself.'—Citizen Press, Jackson, Mich."

"Too much for the money;" "educational as well as entertaining;" "the best ever"—these, and many other comments of kindred nature express the universal favor with which the work of that most genial of cartoonists and artists, Ned Woodman, was received Thanksgiving evening. His stories were pithy, his impersonations true to life and his cartoons and caricatures characteristic.

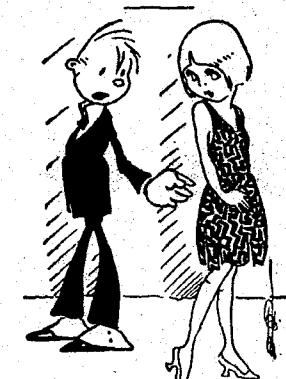
Truth, Churubusco, Ind. Ned Woodman is not only a cartoonist of first rank, but a fine caricaturist. His rich humor, so natural and unaffected, at once won his audience. The large audience thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed the entertainment.—Register, Barker, N. Y.

WHERE YOU LIVE



Friend—Are you walking to reduce? She—No—where's that?

SPENT HIS DOLLAR



He—I'd spend my last dollar on you and you know it.
She—Gosh! I thought you had.

CLOTHES LACKING



First College Girl—We're not going to have class pins this year.
Second Ditto—No? Why?
First Ditto—Well, you've got to have clothes to pin 'em on, haven't you?

A PEACHBLOW



"Must be a 'peach' tree, from what's up in it."
"On the same principle, it would be a nut if you were here."

A WEIGHTY SUBJECT



Pewee—Where do you want me to hang this portrait of your father?
His Wife—Don't try to lift that portrait. You'll strain your back. Father weighed two hundred and fifty pounds when he had it painted.

HE DROVE A CAR



She—Thirty days mean a month, don't they?
He—Yes—when they don't mean a jail.

"So's Your Old Man" Grayling Opera House, New Year's Night

ENTERTAINERS IN MEXICO



Transportation in Mexico.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

PERHAPS nowhere else in the world is there a country so full of contrast as Mexico. With a university established before John Harvard, Elihu Yale, or William and Mary were born, the masses of its people are ignorant. With a hospital founded before Jamestown was even dreamed of, it is backward in a medieval way. With natural riches greater than those of a thousand Midas, its masses are as poor as the proverbial church mouse.

Here you will see a Mexican half-breed, barefooted, wearing a dollar pair of trousers, a fifty-cent shirt, and a ten-dollar sombrero. There, at a single glance and within the length of a single city block, you may see an Indian cargador, a donkey, an ox-cart, a carriage, a railroad train, a street car, and an automobile—almost every type of locomotion since Adam.

To this day cotton is cultivated with profit in many parts of the country. In the Laguna region it is perennial and does not require to be planted oftener than once in ten years.

Mexico probably has a greater range of remarkable vegetation than any other country in the world. The parrot fruit tree produces an odd-shaped fruit, bearing a close resemblance to green parrakeets. Evidently mindful of this striking resemblance, when the parrakeet is frightened it makes a dash for the parrot tree, where it assumes a position which makes it look like the fruit itself.

Another remarkable tree is the "Arbol de Dinamite"—dynamite tree—whose fruit, if kept in a warm place, bursts with considerable force and a loud report, scattering its flat seeds to a surprising distance.

One of the most interesting fruits in Mexico is known as the melon zapote, or papaya. It grows wild and attains a height of as much as 25 feet. The dark-green leaves are from 20 to 30 inches long and grow at the top of an otherwise leafless trunk. The fruit would seem a cross between a cantaloupe, a pumpkin, and a water-melon. The tree begins to bear fruit when a year old, producing from 20 to 100 melons at a time, a single one of which may weigh as much as 20 pounds.

No other country in the New world, south of the Rio Grande, is so well supplied with railroads as Mexico. Prior to the Madero revolution, it had 20,000 miles of up-to-date American railroad. Now about 18,000 miles are in operation. At six different points lines crossed the frontier from the United States, and Laredo, Eagle Pass and El Paso boundaries, handled much traffic to and from Mexico. The Mexican railroads carried 11,000,000 passengers annually at that time, and handled about 11,000,000 tons of freight. Their total revenues amounted to about \$40,000,000.

RICH IN MINERALS

Humboldt once pronounced Mexico "the treasure-house of the world." It produces one-third of the world's silver, a considerable percentage of its gold, one-ninth of its lead, and one-twentieth of its copper. The country's mineral production, exclusive of iron, coal and petroleum, amounted to \$168,000,000 in 1910, but the output dropped after the fall of Diaz. With the exception of Campeche, Tabasco and Yucatan, every state in the Mexican republic possesses mines, of which there are 21,000, covering 633,000 acres of mineral lands. They gave employment at one time to half a million men. Yet probably less than one-fourth of the mineral possibilities of the republic have been exploited. Prior to the outbreak of the Madero revolution, upward of 5,000 mining claims were registered each year.

The famous iron mountain at Durango is estimated to contain 6,000,000 tons of iron ore, which is worth seven times the value of all the gold and silver mined in Mexico in two centuries. It is believed that this deposit was formed by the same process that made the Hudson river palisades, near New York city.

The Santa Maria graphite mines are the largest and most important in the western world. There are seven beds of graphite deposits, varying in thickness from 9 to 10 feet. They were formed from coal beds by the changes brought about by flows of molten granite.

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